



PROCLAMATION

**Small Business Saturday
November 26, 2016**

WHEREAS, the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia, celebrates our local small businesses and the contributions they make to our community and small business make up the overwhelming majority of City businesses; and

WHEREAS, according to the United States Small Business Administration, there are currently 23 million small businesses in the United States, representing more than 99 percent of American employer firms, creating more than two-thirds of the net new jobs, and generating 46 percent of private gross domestic product; and

WHEREAS, small businesses employ over 55 percent of the working population in the United States; and

WHEREAS, small businesses are critical to the overall economic health of the United States and contribute positively to the local community by supplying jobs and generating tax revenue; and

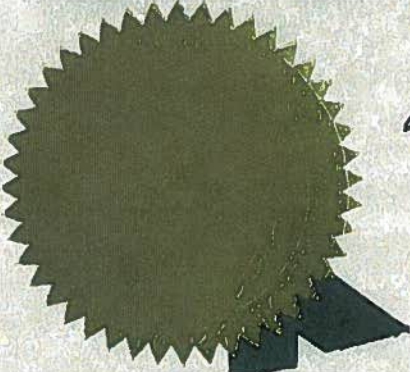
WHEREAS, the City of Fredericksburg supports our local businesses that create jobs, boost our local economy and preserve our neighborhoods; and

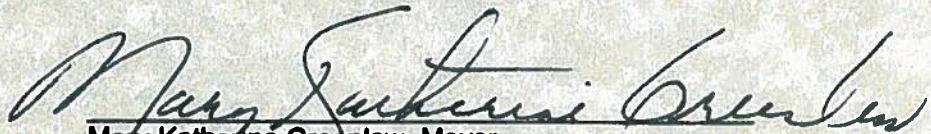
WHEREAS, Fredericksburg Virginia Main Street embraces and support small business throughout the year in its work; and

WHEREAS, advocacy groups as well as public and private organizations across the country have endorsed the Saturday after Thanksgiving as Small Business Saturday; and

WHEREAS, Fredericksburg's Main Street district's small businesses will participate in this national recognition of small businesses with special activities, offerings and promotions.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mary Katherine Greenlaw, Mayor of the City of Fredericksburg, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim, **November 26, 2016**, as **FREDERICKSBURG SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY**, and urge the residents of our community to support small businesses and merchants on Small Business Saturday and throughout the year.




Mary Katherine Greenlaw, Mayor
Fredericksburg, Virginia